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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with State Department representatives to discuss Information Only cables

1. Participants in the meeting, held on 1 February, were Messrs. Melvin Manfull and Jeffrey Kitchen of Policy Reports Staff, Department of State; and Messrs. [redacted] of O/CI.

2. The O/CI representatives presented the following points:

a. Placing of an Information Only restriction on almost all telegrams on certain important subjects (e.g. the Iranian problem) seriously hampers O/CI in its current intelligence reporting;

b. O/CI is directly responsible for keeping the DCI and the President fully informed on current intelligence;

c. O/CI is experienced in protection of sources and operations and is not interested in reporting State Department policy or operations;

d. therefore O/CI would like to make greater use of Information Only cables in its reporting activity.

3. The State Department position was set forth as follows:

a. The Department of State is responsible for reporting to the President on the conduct of United States foreign relations;

b. Policy Report Staff must judge the proper time for presenting reports on specific problems;

c. therefore Policy Reports Staff must continue to control the use of each Information Only telegram.

4. It was agreed that O/CI should continue to request clearance for use of individual Information Only telegrams in the Current Intelligence Bulletin; O/CI is invited to make as many such requests as it wishes. Policy Reports Staff will also undertake to check for clearance lists of Information Only telegrams desired for use in the Current Intelligence Bulletin.

5. Mr. Manfull expressed a desire to visit O/CI in the near future.

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